of that food and get it out. When you think about the amount of food that has been wasted and the number of people you see lined up at every soup kitchen, at every community stop, at every place, not just here but around the country, it is appalling.

And all we need is a system like you have in every community in America, and there wouldn't be any hungry people in this country. Ninety-six billion pounds of food is more than enough to feed all the hungry people in America, and it's just being wasted.

So I hope that communities—I hope that where this message goes out, if this is a problem in other communities, they'll look at the D.C. Central Kitchen model, and they'll go to work trying to save the wasted food. This is a job that all of us have to do—government but also community service organizations. And I think that what we've tried to do is to emphasize the role of the community organization and to make sure that they knew what we had in terms of resources that could help.

A few years ago, I signed the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, which now makes it a lot easier for private companies to donate food and for people like you to prepare and distribute it. Our Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman, has gotten the whole Government working on food rescue programs like this one. And now the Agriculture Department is working around the country to form new grassroots partnerships to fight hunger, to increase local food production, and to help low income families move into independence. But we've got to have the support of volunteers, and we have to have the willingness of the community.

We come here at holiday season because everybody's thinking about this. But what we should do at holiday season is to make commitments that last all year long, not just at the holiday season. The AmeriCorps members here—I want to say again how proud I am of you and what a testament you have been to the proposition that working with others is not a burden, it is a joy; it is not just a duty, it is a privilege. And whether you are preparing meals or teaching a child to read or painting an old school, you always get more than you give. And most of us get out of this life ahead of where we would be if all we got is just what we deserve. [*Laughter*] And I think this is really an important thing to remember at this season.

So again, I want to thank all of you. Thank you, Robert Egger; thank you, graduates; thank you trainees; thank you, staff and volunteers and supporters of the D.C. Central Kitchen. You have captured the spirit of the season, and I hope others will catch it from you.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:12 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Harris Wofford, chief executive officer, Corporation for Public Service; and Robert Egger, director, Donna Simon, graduate, and Steve Pritchett, Melody Swint, and Michele Rhyne, trainees, D.C. Central Kitchen.

Radio Remarks for the 1999 Walt Disney World Holiday Celebration
December 22, 1999

Hello, this is President Bill Clinton. I'm sure everyone around the world appreciates how special this year's holiday celebration is. We're about to enter a new millennium, an era of tremendous promise and opportunity. There is no better time than now to reflect on our hopes and dreams and the gifts we want to leave for the future. We can all do something to make the world a better place.

Hillary, Chelsea, and I want to wish everyone listening the happiest of holidays. And as we celebrate the future, it is our hope that your dreams for the new millennium will come true.

NOTE: The President's remarks were recorded at approximately 10 a.m. on November 29 in the Roosevelt Room at the White House for later broadcast. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 22. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this address.

Statement on Lifting the Ban on Direct Flights Between the United States and Nigeria
December 22, 1999

Earlier today, Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater announced that the United